

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 25-28 are presented for consideration, with Claims 1 and 3 being independent.

Independent Claims 1 and 3 have been amended to further distinguish Applicant's invention from the cited art. Claims 5-11 and withdrawn Claims 12-24 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Kawase (JP '359). Claims 1-11 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being obvious over Kawase and Umetsu '032. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 of Applicant's invention relates to an image display apparatus comprised of a hermetic container including, as constructive members, a first substrate and a second substrate opposite to each other, image display means and wiring for displaying disposed within the hermetic container, and a conductive bonding member for sealing the first substrate and the second substrate disposed between the first substrate and the second substrate. As amended, Claim 1 further recites a frit that separates the conductive bonding member from the wiring for displaying. As also claimed, an electric potential of the conductive bonding member is specified.

Support for the amendments to Claim 1 can be found, for example, in Figures 2 and 4 and on page 26, line 3, *et seq.*, of the specification. In accordance with Applicant's invention, a high performance image display apparatus can be provided.

As discussed in the previous Amendment of July 19, 2005, Kawase relates to an image forming substrate in which lead wiring connected to the image forming member is provided at a corner of a substrate. An electron source substrate is provided with plural electron-emitting devices and drive wiring to drive the electron-emitting devices, and a penetrating hole is provided in a position other than those of the drive wiring. The image forming apparatus includes an image forming substrate, an electron source substrate and an outer frame positioned between the substrates. As understood, a frit glass 201 is an insulating member for varying wirings 3a and 3b, which comprise a plurality of wirings electrically independent with each other (see Figure 4).

In contrast to Applicant's claimed invention, however, Kawase is not understood to teach or suggest, among other features, a conductive bonding member for sealing the first and second substrates and a frit that separates the conductive bonding member from the wiring, as set forth in Claim 1. Claim 3 has been amended along the same lines as Claim 1 and is thus also submitted to be patentable for at least these reasons.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

The secondary citation to Umetsu relates to an electro-optical device and was cited for its teaching of a conductive epoxy member that serves as a bonding member. Umetsu fails, however, to compensate for the deficiencies in Kawase as discussed above with respect to Applicant's claimed invention. Therefore, the proposed combination of Kawase and Umetsu, even if proper, still fails to teach or suggest Applicant's claimed invention. Thus,

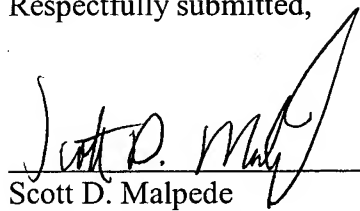
reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, it is submitted that Applicant's invention as set forth in independent Claims 1 and 3 is patentable over the cited art. In addition, dependent Claims 2, 4, and 25-28 set forth additional features of Applicant's invention. Independent consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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